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**ANNUAL REPORT  
HONORS PROGRAM AND VISITING SCHOLARS COMMITTEE  
2012-2013**

The Honors Colloquium, *Healthcare Change?* was our major public offering last year. This series addressed foundational changes in the political and economic forces shaping personal, state, national, and international health. The Colloquium was coordinated by Professors Jeffrey Bratberg, College of Pharmacy; Mary Cloud, College of Nursing; Roger LeBrun, College of Environment and Life Sciences; Shahla Yekta, College of Nursing with the assistance of Deborah Gardiner of the Honors program. Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Tracy Kidder was the opening speaker for the Colloquium and discussed his biography of Paul Farmer, a physician bent on improving the health of some of the poorest people on the planet. The colloquium closed with a presentation by Unni Karunakara, international president of Doctors Without Borders.

Our continuing spring Colloquium was *Classroom without Borders*. Robert Widell, Assistant Professor of History, taught a class on poverty and housing featuring a number of URI based experts. The students then spent spring break working on a Habitat for Humanity project in Birmingham Alabama, supervised by Professor Widell. This experience has been successful in building community among Honors students and we will be offering it again in spring 2014.

The annual Honors Undergraduate Research Conference was held in Lippitt Hall on May 2, 2013. Forty students presented their projects on sixteen different panels. This included projects from all the undergraduate degree granting colleges, offering an impressive array of departments and programs. The titles of the projects along with the names of the faculty sponsors are available as Appendix B to this report. Associate Honors Director Carolyn Hames organized the conference with the assistance of Program Coordinator, Deborah Gardiner.

The Honors Program continued to offer a wide range of stimulating Honors courses and visiting scholars, promote scholarship opportunities, sponsor undergraduate research projects, advise pre-Health students, and provide financial support for noted scholars to come to URI for special presentations to students, faculty, and the public. A brief informational report describing specific activities of the Committee for 2012-2013 follows.

#### **A. Eligibility Standards for 2012-2013**

The standards of eligibility for students to participate in Honors Program course work were changed for both incoming and continuing students. Beginning with the class of 2013, incoming students must have earned a high school GPA of 3.4 or higher, and a combined SAT score of 1100 or higher in Critical Reading and Mathematics (or an ACT composite score of 24 or higher). Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have earned a 3.3 GPA to remain eligible (up from 3.2). Under special circumstances, these requirements may be modified with permission of the Director.

Sophomore students with at least two honors courses and 3.3 or better GPA were offered the opportunity to "join" the Honors program. To qualify these students must meet with an Honors advisor and their major advisor, and commit to a declaration of intent to complete the honors program. Once students have joined as so long as they re-commit each semester they are granted an early registration time. This is the fourth year of a pilot program designed to meet one of the criteria of a "fully developed honors program" according to the standards of the National Collegiate Honors Council. We thank Associate Provost Dean Libutti for his help with this experimental initiative and look forward to making this a permanent feature of the program. When fully implemented our program will meet all the national standards set down by the National Collegiate Honors Council.

#### **B. Courses and Enrollment**

During the Fall, 2012 semester, the Program offered Thirty Honors courses in addition to Senior Honors Projects, Honors Directed Study and Administrative Internships: twenty 100-level courses, the 200-level Colloquium, five 300-level tutorials, and four 400-level Senior Seminars.

In the Spring, 2013 semester we offered twenty-nine Honors courses in addition to Senior Honors Projects, Administrative Internships and Honors Directed Study: twelve 100-level courses, one 200-level Colloquium, thirteen 300-level tutorials, and three 400-level Senior Seminars.

Student enrollment in Honors classes was 562 during the Fall, 2012 semester and 441 students during the Spring, 2013 semester.

### C. Faculty and Staff

The Honors faculty is drawn from seven of the University's colleges. See Appendix A for a list of those who taught Honors courses in 2012-2013.

Over the past several years we have consciously attempted to increase the disciplinary diversity of our course offerings. We intend the Honors Program to be the premier inter-disciplinary teaching site on campus.

The program offered ten new courses in 2012-13, including "Health Care Change? Health, Politics, & Money" (Colloquium), "Writing and Empathy," "Introduction to the Medical Profession," "Salty Tales: The Communication of Oceanographic Phenomena," "Literary Acoustics," "Diversity in Film," "What's in a Genome?," "Suicide in Literature," "European Integration," the first class at URI taught by an international distinguished visiting scholar, and "Class and Social Justice," our first Winter J-Term Session course.

Cheryl Foster was appointed as an Associate Director in January 2013, and was honored as *UC Adviser of the Year* in her capacity as Honors Adviser. Professor Foster was also honored nationally as one of seven *Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim "Inspirational Teacher"* Awardees.

After a national search, Caitlin Green was hired in April 2013 as Communications and Outreach Specialist, a new staff position.

Director Richard McIntyre bid adieu to the Honors Program at the end of June 2013. Professor McIntyre led the program through a period of significant development during his seven-year term as Director and 12-year residence in Honors overall.

### D. Honors Colloquium

In addition to financial support from the Honors Program, sponsors in support of the Fall, 2012 Honors Colloquium were:

**Sustaining Sponsors:** URI Office of the President, URI Office of the Provost, The Mark and Donna Ross Honors Colloquium Humanities Endowment, The Thomas Silvia and Shannon Chandley Honors Colloquium Endowment,

**Leadership Sponsors:** URI College of the Environment and Life Sciences, URI College of Pharmacy, URI College of Arts and Sciences, URI Multicultural Center, URI Department of Communications and Marketing

**University Sponsor:** Cox Communications

**Sponsors:** URI College of Business Administration, URI Department of Publications and Creative Services, URI College of Engineering, URI College of Nursing, URI College of Human Science and Services, URI Division of Administration and Finance, URI Division of Student Affairs, The Harrington School of Communication and Media-Department of Communication Studies,

2012-2013 was the fourth year that the Colloquium was web-streamed live on the URI homepage. This will continue, as will archiving of most public lectures for more widespread use. The URI Department of Communications and Marketing and the URI Publications Office also wonderfully support the Colloquium.

I thank the Fall 2012 Colloquium Coordinators Professors Jef Bratberg, Mary Cloud, Roger LeBrun, Shahla Yekta for their time and creativity in conducting such an outstanding series of events and teaching the co-related Honors Colloquium class for 57 honors students. Deborah

Gardiner managed the logistical and business aspects of the Colloquium with patience and efficiency.

The Fall 2013 Honors Colloquium, *Great Public Schools? Everyone's Right? Everyone's Responsibility?* opened on September 10, under the direction of Professor David Byrd, URI School of Education and Associate Professor Diane Kern, URI School of Education. Presenters include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks; Freeman Hrabowski, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn.

For Spring, 2014, we are offering two Honors Colloquia: *Classroom without Borders*, directed by Rob Widell, Assistant Professor of History, and *Prison Arts/Arts in the Prisons*, directed by Karen De Bruin of Languages.

The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee has selected for the Fall, 2014 Honors Colloquium: "Cyber Security and Personal Privacy in the Digital Age" to be co-coordinated by Professor Ed Lamagna, Computer Science & Statistics; Professor Victor Fay-Wolf, Computer Science & Statistics; Associate Professor Lisa DiPippo, Computer Science & Statistics; Associate Professor Lindsay Sun, Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering.

A call for proposals for Fall 2015 will be distributed to the campus community in November.

#### **E. Awards and Endowment**

The Honors Colloquium has two endowed lectures thanks to the help of Tom Zorabedian and Dean Winnie Brownell. We are working with Katherine Flynn, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the URI Foundation to increase external support for the Honors Colloquium.

#### **F. Visiting Scholars**

We supported several faculty proposals to bring visiting scholars to campus. We also worked with Vice Provost Laura Beauvais to award grants for international distinguished visiting scholars. Four scholars visited the campus for weeklong visits over the course of the academic year. We will work with the Provost's office in developing and evaluating this program.

#### **G. Senior Honors Projects and Undergraduate Research**

Senior Honors Projects were presented at the ninth annual Honors Undergraduate Research Day on May 2, 2013. The student conference scheduled concurrent sessions throughout the day for humanities, social science, natural science, and professional college projects in Lippitt Hall. Each senior completing a project also contributed an abstract to a booklet of abstracts available in the Honors Center in Lippitt Hall. Presenters and titles are listed in Appendix B along with faculty sponsors. Associate Director Carolyn Hames serves as the major advisor to students completing the Honors program and is the main organizer of the annual research conference.

I want to express sincere appreciation to these faculty sponsors who devote their time to mentoring the senior honors students. Their contribution is particularly remarkable in that thirty-four of these faculty members were not teaching an honors course in 2012-2013. Together with the sixty honors faculty teaching HPR courses, this brings the total number of faculty participating in the Honors Program during 2012-2013 to ninety-four (94).

We continue to assist Karen Markin of the Division of Research and Economic Development on the Undergraduate Research Awards. This program, generously funded by Vice President Peter Alfonso and Provost Donald DeHayes, provides support for undergraduate research across the University, whether students are in Honors or not. I also wish to thank Provost DeHayes for his continued commitment to supporting student research in the Honors Program.

## **H. Spring Honors Celebration and Awards Ceremony**

The Spring Honors Celebration and Awards ceremony was held on May 2, 2013 in Lippitt Hall.

## **I. Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee 2012-2013**

The members of the Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee during the past year were: Professor Richard McIntyre, Economics, Director, Honors Program; Professor Jose Amador, Natural Resource Science; Associate Professor Sylvia Dorado-Banacloche, Business Administration; Associate Professor Librarian Mona Niedbala, University Library; Professor Arthur Spivack, Graduate School of Oceanography; Professor Sherri Wills, Art & Art History, and Director of the Film/Media Program; Associate Professor Jeffrey Bratberg, College of Pharmacy, Coordinator of Colloquium ex officio.

## **J. Honors Student and Faculty Initiatives**

The Student Advisory Board met on a bi-weekly basis throughout the year and advised the Director on a number of program issues. The Board also organized several potluck dinners and represented the program at numerous University outreach events.

We also piloted a new program in which senior honors students are able to design and lead a freshmen seminar under faculty guidance. In Fall Patrick Slavin led a seminar on “China's 80后 and 90后: The Next Generation of Leaders in the World's Next under the guidance of Wen Xiong. We are currently evaluating this initiative.

## **K. National Fellowships**

Led by Assistant Director Kathleen Maher, Honors supported successful fellowship and scholarship applications from students from six of the seven colleges serving undergraduates: A&S, CBA, CELS, COE, HSS, and Pharmacy.

In addition to strong academic achievement, the 2012-13 awardees all hail from either rigorous, often interdisciplinary, programs (Honors, IEP/IBP, Pre-med, Chinese Flagship) and/or have been involved in substantial, formative experiential learning experiences (research, service, internships).

Truman Scholar (Alyssa Neill, Nutrition & Dietetics, Honors)

2 Fulbright U.S. Student Grants

- Germany, Daniel Belbey, International Business & German
- UK, Eily Cournoyer, Chem Engineering & Bio, Pre-med

Whitaker Fellow (UK, Eily Cournoyer, Chem Engineering & Bio, Pre-med)

Boren Scholar (Tanzania, Molly Wood, Political Science & Africana Studies)

2 Honorable Mentions in the Goldwater Scholarship competition (Marine Bio; IEP/German & Chem Engineering)

UK-Fulbright Summer Institute Participant (Nottingham-Trent University, Alyssa Mason, English & Secondary Ed, Honors)

3 NOAA Hollings Scholars

- Emily Bishop (Marine Bio)
- Katharine Egan (Marine Bio)
- Nicole Marone (Marine Bio & Ocean Engineering)

2 Finalists in the Marshall Scholarship competition (Brian Stack, History & Philosophy, Honors; Eily Cournoyer, Chem Engineering & Bio, Pre-med)

2 Metcalf Scholars

- Austin Demers to India (Bio Sciences, Honors, Pre-med)

- Shayla Minter to Peru (MLS & Business Admin, Honors, Pre-med)

#### DAAD Scholarship

- Brendan Grealish (IEP / German & Industrial and Systems Engineering)
- Julia Roder-Hanna (IEP / German & Chem Engineering)
- Eli Lamothe (IEP / German & Mechanical Engineering)

Teach for America Fellow (Emma Kilbane, Philosophy, Honors)

#### Gilman Scholarships

- While Gilman Scholarship applications are processed through the office of International Education and Enrollment Services/Financial Aid, Honors assists in the promotion of the Gilman and critiques applications for Honors and Pre-Health students.
- 3 Summer Awards: Nermeen el-Araby to Spain (Pharmacy, Honors), Aine Lehane to Botswana (Health Studies, Honors), Rachael Adams to China (Global Business Management, Chinese Flagship)
- Spring Semester Awards: Rachelle Anilus to France (Secondary Education), Michael Lam to Australia (Nutrition & Dietetics), Michael Roderick, Jr. to Lithuania (History, Political Science)
- Academic Year Award: Alyssa Zisk to China (IEP / Chinese & Mechanical Engineering, Chinese Flagship)

A campus-wide information session was held for the Demers Scholarship. In this third year of the Demers program, we again had a full sweep, with all thirteen awards, totaling \$143,575, going to URI students.

A representative of the Department of State's Critical Languages Scholarship program made a campus-wide presentation and visited several language classes to raise awareness about the program. Jessica Andruzzi (Chinese Flagship) was selected for a Critical Languages Scholarship to China. For the second year in a row Assistant Director Kathleen Maher served on a Critical Languages Scholarship selection panel.

#### L. Pre-Health

Assistant Honors Director Kathleen Maher chairs the Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC), which assists students in preparing for application to graduate level professional programs in the human health sciences. The volunteer committee, which is made of five faculty members, puts students through a series of group and individual interviews and provides critical feedback on their draft applications and personal statements. A committee letter of endorsement is then prepared for each qualified student who has completed the process. The 2012-2013 members of the HPAC were faculty members: Brenton DeBoef (Chemistry), H. James Harwood (adjunct in Cell & Molecular Biology Honors), Niall Howlett (Cell & Molecular Biology), Katherine Petersson (Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Sciences), and Andrea A. Rusnock (History).

Through the Brown-URI Early Identification Program (EIP), sophomore Shayla Minter (MLS & Business Admin, Honors, Pre-med) received early contingent admission to the Warren Alpert Medical School.

90% (18/20) of students who were recommended by the Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) have received medical, dental or optometry acceptances. Most applicants received scholarship funds and multiple offers, including two MD/PhD candidates. Although final matriculation data will be available in October 2013, as of July 2013 the following institutions have accepted at least one HPAC-endorsed student:

- Medical: Albany, Brown, Drexel, Eastern VA, Einstein, Jefferson, LECOM-Bradenton, Mayo, Mt. Sinai, Northwestern, Nevada, NYCOM, NYMC, Ohio State, Rochester, Ross, Rutgers (RWJMS), Stony Brook, SUNY Upstate, Tulane, TX Southwestern, UConn, UMass, UNECOM, UVM, Vanderbilt, VCU, Wake Forest, Wash U
- Dental: BU, Tufts, UConn, Western
- Optometry: ICO, MCPHS

## **M. Honors Housing**

Housing is available to upper class students on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Garrahy apartments. There is generally significant excess demand for the 50 beds on that floor and we hope to expand Honors Housing opportunities.

## **N. Transition**

In 2012-13, Honors experienced staff transitions, thanking outgoing Associate Director Walter von Reinhart for his service, welcoming Cheryl Foster as an Associate Director, hiring Caitlin Green to fill the new position of Communications and Outreach Specialist and, at the close of the year, saying goodbye to Richard McIntyre after his seven-year term as Director and 12-year residence in Honors overall. Program Coordinator Deborah Gardiner, Assistant Director Kathleen Maher, and Carolyn Hames, Associate Director with responsibility for overseeing Senior Projects, continued to provide invaluable support to the program and its students. 2012-13 marked Lecturer Brian Clinton's second year with Honors, in his part-time role advising pre-health students.

Lynne Derbyshire, Director  
URI Honors Program

## **Appendix A** Honors Teaching Faculty, 2012-2013

The following faculty members were selected to teach Honors Program courses during the 2012-2013 academic year:

**College of Arts & Sciences:** Mary Cappello, Professor (English); Charles Collyer, Professor (Psychology), Madeline Derbyshire, Associate Professor (Communication Studies), Victor Fay-Wolfe, Professor (Computer Science & Statistics); Cheryl Foster, Professor (Philosophy); David Heskett, Professor (Physics); Mary Hollinshead, Associate Professor (Art); Galen Johnson, Professor (Philosophy); Heather L. Johnson, Lecturer (Writing & Rhetoric); Kristin Johnson, Associate Professor (Political Science); Leonard Kahn, Professor (Physics); Edward Lamagna, Professor (Computer Science & Statistics); Jody C. Lisberger, Professor (Gender and Women's Studies); Naomi Mandel, Professor (English); Richard McIntyre, Professor (Economics); Arthur Mead, Professor (Economics); Kendall Moore, Associate Professor (Journalism); Elizabeth Miles, Associate Professor (Writing & Rhetoric); Ian Reyes, Assistant Professor (Communication Studies); Mark Robbins, Associate Professor (Psychology); Rebecca F. Romanow, Lecturer (Film Studies); Wendy Roworth, Professor (Art); Joseph Parillo, Professor (Music); Arthur Stein, Professor Emeritus (Political Science); Judith Swift, Professor (Theatre & Communication Studies); Michael Tammaro, Lecturer (Physics); Kathleen Torrens, Associate Professor (Communication Studies); Gina Valentino, Assistant Professor (English); Walter von Reinhardt, Professor (Modern and Classical Languages and Literature); Rob Widell, Assistant Professor (History); Thomas Zorabedian, Professor (Film Media & Communication Studies).

**College of Business Administration:** Michael De Angellis, Professor; Professor Silvia Dorado-Banacloche, Lecturer I-Ling Hsu (Languages), Professor Kate Jelinek.

**College of Engineering:** Assistant Professor Vinka Craver (Civil & Environmental Engineering).

**College of the Environment and Life Sciences:** Professor Jose A. Amador (CELS-NRS), Associate Professor Thomas Boving (Geosciences), Professor David Fastovsky (CELS-GEO), Professor Marian Goldsmith (CELS-BIO), University Affiliate James Harwood, Assistant Professor Jason Kolbe (Biological Science), Professor Roger LeBrun (Plant Science and Entomology), Shahla Yekta (Cellular & Molecular Biology).

**Feinstein Hunger Center:** Kathleen Gorman, Director, (Feinstein Center for Hunger)

**College of Human Science & Services:** Jay Fogleman, Jr. (Education), Associate Professor Kyle Kusz (Kinesiology), Assistant Professor Blaire Gagnon (Textiles, Fashion Merch & Design).

**Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies:** Thupten Tendar, Visiting Buddhist Geshe Scholar

**College of Nursing:** Assistant Professor Clinical Mary Cloud (Nursing), Associate Professor Carolyn Hames (Nursing).

**Graduate School of Oceanography:** Professor Isaac Ginis (Oceanography), Manager NBC/Sci Comm & Metc Inst Sunshine Menezes (Oceanography), Professor Arthur Spivack (Oceanography).

**College of Pharmacy:** Associate Professor Clinical Jeffrey Bratberg.



*Charles T. Schmidt, Jr. Labor Research Center:* Professor Scott Molloy (Labor research).

**Appendix B** Senior Honors Projects, 2012-2013

**Honors Undergraduate Research Conference, 2012-2013**  
**May 2, 2012**  
**Presentation of Senior Honors Projects- Lippitt Hall, 8:00-2:30**  
**Celebration and Awards – Lippitt Hall 402, 3:00pm**

**Session I: 8:00-9:00**

**Rm. 302 D Chair: Kathleen Maher**

**Kristen Lamontagne**  
*Sponsor: Karl Aspelund*

*Punk in the Post-Modern Condition:  
Is an Anti-Consumerism Fashion Upheaval Ever Possible  
Again?*

**Chelsea Missaggia**  
*Sponsor: Linda Welters*

*European Tapestries: History, Conservation,  
and Creation*

**Rm. 401 Chair: John Peterson**

**Emma Kilbane**  
*Sponsor: Eske Mollgaard*

*This Existential Life: It's Not About  
Cigarettes and Black Berets*

**Austen Haynes**  
*Sponsor: John Peterson*

*Essence, Existence, and Necessity:  
Spinoza's Modal Metaphysics*

**Rm. 402 Chair: Travis Williams**

**Sofia Alavosius**  
*Sponsor: Travis Williams*

*Examining the Confluence of  
Literature and Mathematics through Art*

**Gisel Bello**  
*Sponsor: Michelle Fontes-Barros*

*Seeds Of Success: Rerouting the lineage  
in our diverse communities*

**Rm. 403 Chair: Carolyn Hames**

**Graham Maione**  
*Sponsor: Paul Bueno de  
Mesquita*

*Mindfulness Meditation vs Compassion  
Meditation: Effect on Attitude and  
Disposition*

**Briana Paulo**  
*Sponsor: Mark Robbins*

*A College Study of Grief, Depression, and  
Anxiety*

**Session II: 9:15-10:45**

**Rm. 302 D Chair: Alison Roberts**

**Isabel Nowinowski**  
*Sponsor: Cheryl Wilga*

*Shape Changes in Hyoid Arch Element in Four Shark Species*

**Marielle Orff**  
*Sponsor: Kristine Bovy*

*Bird Bone Taphonomy in the Tse-whit-zen Site*

**Oumie Ceesay**  
*Sponsor: Alison Roberts*

*Exploring the role of CESA5 in the synthesis of cellulose using Physcomitrella patens*

**Rm. 401 Chair: Catherine May**

**Staci Smith**  
*Sponsor: Brenton DeBoef*

*"Happy Teeth, Happy Me"- Teaching Dental Health in Campur, Guatemala*

**Ginny Hamolsky**  
*Sponsors: Catherine May and Carolyn Hames*

*Community Building through Recovery Oriented Elder Support Services*

**Sin Chan**  
*Sponsor: Joel Chandlee*

*The Importance of Epigenetic Phenomena in Regulating Activity of the Genetic Material*

**Rm. 402 Chair: Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz**

**Michael James Coates**  
*Sponsor: Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz*

*Guns of Fortune - How Guns Move to Fulfill Demand*

**Amanda Studley**  
*Sponsor: Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz*

*Marriage Equality: Media Coverage and Public Opinion*

**Hayley Hutchins**  
*Sponsor: Rachel DiCioccio*

*Cheaper by the Dozen: Communication in Large Families*

**Rm. 403 Chair: Linda Hufnagel**

**Jillian Rainville**  
*Sponsor: Linda Hufnagel*

*A search for light-detecting proteins in the free-living protist, Tetrahymena thermophila: Does Tetrahymena have opsins-like or bacteriorhodopsin-like proteins?*

**Russell Dauksis**  
*Sponsor: Graham Forrester*

*The Effects of Refuge Abundance on Escape Responses of the Bridled Goby*

**Justin Vendettuoli**  
*Sponsor: Evan Preisser*

*How do Prey Refuges Affect Predator-Prey Interactions?*

**Session III: 11:00-12:45**

**Rm. 302 D Chair: Arthur Gold**

**Ian Rambo**

*Sponsor: David C Smith*

*Aerobic Degradation of  
Hexachlorocyclohexane by Narragansett Bay  
Bacterioplankton.*

**Alyssa Rogers**

*Sponsor: Chris Lane*

*Brown Algal Diversity in Bermuda  
Revealed Using Molecular Tools*

**Molly Welsh**

*Sponsor: Arthur Gold*

*Exploring Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
from Beaver Ponds in Southern Rhode Island*

**Rm. 401 Chair: RICHARD McINTYRE**

**Andrew Pierce**

*Sponsor: Robert Van Horn*

*Historiography of Depression-Era Activism  
and Occupy Wall Street*

**Patrick Slavin**

*Sponsor: Wen Xiong*

*China's 80后 and 90后: The Next  
Generation of Leaders in the World's Next Superpower, a  
Students-Teaching-Students Course*

**Sandra Berard**

*Sponsor: John Boulmetis*

*Precautionary Protocol for Educational  
Professionals in Caring for A Newly  
Diagnosed Student with Type I Diabetes*

**Rm. 402 Chair: Kyle Kusz**

**Elizabeth Dore**

*Sponsor: Stephen Barber*

*Virginia Woolf & Michel Foucault: Methods  
of Justice*

**Kevin Hein**

**And Cory Wentworth**

*Sponsor: Thomas Zorabedian*

*"The Manly-Man Can", an Original,  
Full-length Screenplay Exploring the  
Influences of Societal Notions of Masculinity*

**Edward Pare**

*Sponsor: Kyle Kusz*

*An Analysis of American Masculinity*

**Rm. 403 Chair: Ian Reyes**

**Justin Brierley**

*Sponsor: Lauren Mandel*

*Exempd440: the Cataloguing of Tod  
Dockstader's Computer*

**John Doyle**

*Sponsor: Ian Reyes*

*Subtlety of Sound: A Study of Foley Art*

**Kyle DeMartino**

*Sponsor: Zoey Stites*

*Contemporary Film Stills*

**Session IV: 1:00-2:30**

**Rm. 302 D Chair: Richard McIntyre**

**Edmar Delgadillo**  
*Sponsor: Richard McIntyre*

*A Course on Cuba's Healthcare System*

**Robin Keller**  
*Sponsor: JoAnn Hammadou*

*The Acquisition of Grammatical Gender  
in French Language*

**Rm. 401 Chair: Michael DeAngelis**

**Kristen Leander  
and Joseph Vallee**  
*Sponsor: Deborah Riebe*

*The Effect of Participation in Marching  
Band on Physical Activity and Physical  
Fitness in College Aged Men and Women*

**Mark Albanese  
and Bryan Poston**  
*Sponsor: Michael DeAngelis*

*Rhody 5K*

**Rm. 402 Chair: Margaret Rogers**

**Alyssa Mason**  
*Sponsor: Nedra Reynolds*  
**and Mary Vidal**  
*Sponsor: Margaret Rogers*

*A Need for Green: An Approach for  
Motivating Environmentally Sustainable  
Practices at the University of Rhode Island*

**Ali Sandler**  
*Sponsor: Roy Bergstrom*

*Documentary: Cape Verde Fisheries*

**Rm. 403 Chair: Cheryl foster**

**Erin Sorlien**  
*Sponsor: David Nelson*

*Analysis of the Chondroitinase  
operon of Flavobacterium columnare*

**Brandyn Lucca  
and Samuel Martin**  
*Sponsor: William Gordon*

*The Application of Planning, Design and  
other Spatial/Seascape Concepts within  
Marine Spatial Management: Variations in the Sub-  
disciplines of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine  
Reserves, Marine Parks, Sanctuaries, and Zoning, as well  
as Marine Spatial Planning and Large Marine  
Ecosystems (LMEs).*